

Remarks

This Amendment is responsive to the non-final Office Action mailed January 9, 2006. In that Office Action, claims 1-21 and 25-35 were allowed and claims 23-24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

As a result of this Amendment, claims 23-24 are hereby amended to address the Examiner's reasoning for rejecting these claim under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, and therefore, are now believed to be in allowable form. Specifically, both claims now depend from allowed claim 21 rather than canceled claim 22. It should be appreciated that these amendments are being made to address the 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph rejections noted above and are not being made to distinguish claims 23-24 over any of the cited art of record, and as such, the amendments thereto should not be considered to be "narrowing" amendments relative to any prior art.

With regard to claims 1-21 and 25-35, Applicant sincerely appreciates the identification of allowability of these claims and acknowledges the Examiner's reasons for allowance provided on pages 2-3 of the January 9th Office Action. Applicant respectfully notes that these reasons for allowance are not the only reasons that claims 1-21 and 25-35 are allowable over the art of record. For example, further reasons for allowance of these claims beyond those enumerated in the Examiner's statement are embodied described and set forth in the specification of the present application.

CONCLUSION

This Amendment is believed to be fully responsive to all points raised in the non-final Office Action mailed January 9, 2006. Should the Examiner have any remaining questions or concerns, he is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney by telephone to expeditiously resolve such concerns. No fees are believed due for the submission of this Amendment into the present application. However, if this is not the case, please charge any required fees, including any extension fees under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) necessary to maintain pendency of the present application, to Deposit Account No. 13-2725.

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Respectfully submitted,

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